

HOUSE RESOLUTION 140
By Turner (Ham)

A RESOLUTION to honor the Reverend James F. Marquis, Jr. on
the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body should recognize those
citizens who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and
unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Reverend James Marquis, Jr. is one such outstanding person who has
served with alacrity and acuity for 13 years as Rector of St. Martin's Episcopal Church in
Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, he is now answering the tantalizing call of retirement after a distinguished
career spent in devout service to his faith and his fellow human beings; and

WHEREAS, Rector James Marquis exemplifies the spirit and dedication that is
characteristic of a great Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, educated in the Hawthorne, New Jersey public schools, Rector Marquis
received his bachelor's degree from Tusculum College in Greeneville, and in 1972 he received
his Master's degree in Divinity from the University of the South at Sewanee; and

WHEREAS, James Marquis proudly defended his nation in the Korean War, serving as a
Counter Intelligence Agent for the United States; and

WHEREAS, prior to his entrance into the priesthood, James Marquis was a successful
businessman in Kingsport, and was notably active in church and community affairs; and

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WHEREAS, his exemplary tenure in the priesthood has enabled Rector Marquis to serve in numerous capacities, including Vicar of St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission, New Johnsonville; Chaplain of the Turney Center for Youthful Offenders, Olney; Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Murfreesboro; Chaplain of Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro and Rector, St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Chattanooga; and

WHEREAS, Rector Marquis is an active and vital part of the community and his faith; he participates in numerous civic organizations, including the St. Barnabas Nursing Home and Apartments Board, the Epilepsy Foundation, and the Team Evaluation Center of Older Adult Services; and

WHEREAS, he has also served with distinction as the President of the Hamilton Place Rotary Club; and

WHEREAS, Reverend James Marquis has been the recipient of numerous awards and accolades, including *Who's Who in Religion*, the "Young Man of the Year" of Kingsport and the "Liberty Bell Award"; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Marquis's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to the Reverend James F. Marquis, Jr. our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and continued success in future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.